

## **Fisheries Management Zone 10 – Lake Trout Operational Objectives & Management Strategies**

As you may recall, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has divided the province into 20 Fisheries Management Zones. Algoma is included in Fisheries Management Zone 10. A Council has been created made up of various stake holder and interest group representatives to provide input into recreational fisheries management issues.

The focus of Council has been on Lake Trout. Lake trout lakes in Fisheries Management Zone 10 are generally in poor health with only 17% of these lakes being fished at a sustainable level. Sport fishing regulations are being modified to reduce lake trout harvested.

### Proposed Changes to Harvest Regulations in Fisheries Management Zone 10

**1. Catch & Possession Limit:**

Sports fish Licence: Limit of 2 Lake Trout (down from 3)

Conservation Licence: Limit of 1 Lake Trout (down from 2)

**2. Sizes Limit:**

Sports fish Licence: 1 Lake Trout any size, 1 Lake Trout under 40 cm

Conservation Licence: 1 Lake Trout any size

(Note: Previously there was no size limit on lake trout)

**3. Open Season:**

There are 3 options for a reduced open season for Lake Trout.

The rationale for each of these proposed options can be viewed in the Fisheries Management Zone 10: Lake Trout Operational Objectives & Strategies Fact Sheet (posted on the Soo Nats wiki and emailed to members) or by going to the OMNR website and following the links to FMZ 10: [www.ontario.ca/zonecouncils](http://www.ontario.ca/zonecouncils)

The Executive, on behalf of the membership will respond to the OMNR on these proposed changes to the fishing regulations for Lake Trout. Harvey Robbins will prepare a draft response for Executive approval. If you feel very strongly about these changes and would like to comment independently of the Club response, follow the link listed above to the comment form.

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